

# **MINUTES**

## **TOWN OF LOUISVILLE** **Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

January 14, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bickers, Vice Mayor Gormley, Alderman Smith, Alderman Holley, Alderman Pugh

Absent: None

Others Present: Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and six citizens

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Bickers led the opening prayer.

Alderman Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**MOTION** by Gormley to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting of the BMA. Second by Smith. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

**Citizens Comments:** Buddy Prater requested information concerning whether Holston College cemetery Road is public or private. Bruce Icenhower inquired about the number of dirt hauling permits issued in the past.

Also, Maryville Mayor Tom Taylor, representing the Blount County Library Board, presented a summary of the funding arrangements and needs for the library. Most of the funding comes from the major local governmental entities: Maryville, Alcoa and Blount County. Mr. Taylor described the funding needs and encouraged the Town of Louisville to consider supporting the library financially through contributions to the Blount County Library Foundation. Mayor Bickers acknowledged the request and advised that this would be given consideration during the FYE 2014-15 budgeting process.

**Mayor's Report and the Monthly Financial Report:** Financial report for month ending December 31 was reviewed.

As of 12/31/2014      \$1, 764,873.09

**MOTION** by Smith to accept the December monthly financial report. Second by Holley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Bickers reported on the health status of Stanley Burchfield, Poland Creek Campground Manager. Stanley is recovering from a serious stroke and his long term ability to continue managing the campground is unknown at this time.

Mayor Bickers commented on the success of the MEDIC Blood Drive held at Town Hall on December 18, 2013.

Mayor Bickers reported on the issue of continuing wet pavement at the Lackey Creek bridge on Louisville Road. This is a State of Tennessee road and Mayor Bickers has been in contact with the DOT to ask the State to fix this dangerous situation. Several recent automobile accidents have been attributed to the wet pavement area during freezing conditions. The DOT responded with a small curb to attempt to divert water runoff. The town of Louisville will continue to work with DOT to encourage the State to resolve this serious problem.

Mayor Bickers communicated that the Raymond Cantrell wild game dinner will be held at Town Hall on February 01, 2014 starting at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Bickers reported that the annual Louisville Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014. All volunteers will assemble at the Town Hall at 8:30 AM for assignments. All cleanup activities will conclude at the Town Hall at noon. Food will be served in appreciation for the volunteer efforts.

Mayor Bickers reviewed how the sales tax revenue collected in Blount County is distributed to the local governmental entities. The sales tax is an important source of revenue for the Town of Louisville. The amount of income is directly related to the sales tax collected within the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Louisville. Mayor Bickers intends to lead efforts to develop strategies that will encourage appropriate commercial development within the Town to increase the potential for increased sales tax revenue.

### **Resolutions and Ordinances:**

A Ordinance of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Louisville, Tennessee Providing for the Regulation of Dogs and Cats and the Regulation of the Capture, Impounding and Disposal of Stray Dogs, Stray Cats and Other Stray Animals. [Second Reading]

**MOTION** by Gormley to approve the ordinance as proposed. Second by Pugh. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

**Ordinance 2014-01 Passes.**

A Ordinance of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Louisville, Tennessee Amending the Louisville Zoning Ordinance Concerning Internally Illuminated Signs. [First Reading]

**MOTION** by Bickers to approve the ordinance as proposed. Second by Gormley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 PM, February 11, 2014 prior to the BMA Meeting to gather citizen input concerning the amended ordinance before second reading.

**Other Action Items:**

Status Report on the Purchase of Adjoining Property

Mayor Bickers commented that the contract should close by the end of January for purchase of the adjoining property. There have been some unavoidable issues that have delayed the final contract signing.

Approve Funds Transfer to Purchase Adjoining Property

Mayor Bickers proposed to transfer funds from the Town Hall account into the general operating account to cover the approximately \$166,000 required to purchase the adjoining property. Final cost will include survey and closing costs.

**MOTION** by Bickers to approve the transfer of funds as proposed. Second by Smith. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Status Report on installation of additional fire hydrants

Town Engineer Swicegood advised that a meeting with Vice Mayor Gormley is still planned for January to develop priorities.

Status – of Flag Court/Sign Project

No new action on this item. Plan is for bids to go out in January 2014 in order to start in the spring.

**Board and Committee Appointments:**

Design Review Commission: Mayor Bickers re-appointed Kathleen Haun and Steve Carico to new terms on the DRC. The DRC still has one open position and anyone with a recommendation can contact the Mayor.

Beer Board: Mayor Bickers re-nominated Bill Marcus and Terri Curtis for new terms on the Beer Board. There are still two additional open slots on the Beer Board that Mayor Bickers will address in the near future.

**MOTION** by Bickers to approve the nominations of Bill Marcus and Terri Curtis to the Beer Board. Second by Gormley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mayor Bickers announced that T. J. Hammontree has resigned from the BZA due to moving from Louisville to Alcoa. This position is now open and the Mayor will address in the near future.

**Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen:**

Alderman Holley inquired about the status of stone/brick Town entrance signs that were discussed in the past and would they be included in the Court of Flags project. Mayor Bickers reported that nothing has been done on the entrance signs and they would be a separate project that could be addressed after the Court of Flags is complete.

**MOTION** by Holley to adjourn; Second by Gormley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m.

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Mayor

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Town Recorder